What is claimed is:

1. A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device having a semiconductor substrate with a contact hole filled by an aluminum-containing thin 5 film, comprising the steps of:

forming a silicon-containing thin film in a region having a predetermined area including the inner surface of the contact hole on the surface of the semiconductor substrate;

forming an aluminum-containing thin film on the surface of the semiconductor substrate on which the silicon-containing thin film is formed; and

heating the semiconductor substrate on which the aluminum-containing thin film is formed to such 15 a temperature as to cause silicon to diffuse with respect to aluminum.

- A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of forming an aluminum-containing thin film and the step of heating the semiconductor substrate are carried out simultaneously.
- 3. A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of heating the semiconductor substrate is carried out after completing the step of forming the aluminum

thin film.

4. A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of forming a silicon-containing thin film in the region 5 having the predetermined area includes the steps of:

forming a silicon-containing thin film in a region larger than the predetermined area; and

removing the silicon-containing thin film so that the area of the silicon-containing thin film can 10 become the abovementioned predetermined area.

- 5. A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the step of removing the silicon-containing thin film includes a step of removing the silicon-containing thin film 15 using a mask having a predetermined pattern.
- 6. A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the step of removing the silicon-containing thin film includes a step of removing the silicon-containing thin film 20 by etching.
- 7. A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the predetermined area is not more than 99% of the area of the aluminum-containing thin film formed in the step of forming the aluminum thin film.

- 8. A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the semiconductor substrate is provided with a plurality of cells each including the contact hole, and
- the ratio of the amount of silicon contained in the silicon-containing thin film formed in the region having the predetermined area per unit cell to the amount of aluminum supplied to a unit cell in the step of forming the aluminum thin film is not less than 0.1% and not more than 2% by atomic ratio.
- 9. A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of heating the semiconductor substrate includes a step of heating the semiconductor substrate to 380°C ~ 15 570 $^{\circ}\text{C}$.